United States Mint Releases 2017 Native American $1 Coin Reverse Design

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WASHINGTON – The United States Mint (Mint) today released the design that will appear on the reverse (tails) of the Native American $1 Coin next year. The coin will honor Sequoyah of the Cherokee Nation, creator of the Cherokee language.

Designed by Mint Artistic Infusion Program Designer Chris Costello and sculpted by Mint Sculptor-Engraver Charles L. Vickers, the 2017 reverse features a profiled likeness of Sequoyah writing "Sequoyah from Cherokee Nation" in syllabary along the border of the design. Inscriptions are "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "$1," and "Sequoyah" written in English in the field of the design.

The obverse (heads) of the 2017 Native American $1 Coin will continue to feature sculptor Glenna Goodacre's "Sacagawea" design, introduced in 2000. Inscriptions are "LIBERTY" and "IN GOD WE TRUST." The year, mint mark, and "E PLURIBUS UNUM" are incused on the coin's edge.

Authorized by the Public Law 110-82, the Native American $1 Coin Program celebrates the important contributions made by Native American tribes and individual Native Americans to the history and development of the United States. The public law mandates a new reverse design each year celebrating the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development and history of the United States.

About the United States Mint

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Line art of the 2017 Native American $1 Coin design is available at /news/image-library/news-image-gallery.
- Information about the Native American $1 Coin Program is available at https://www.usmint.go/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/native-american-dollar-coins.
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